

What is the TBI Fund?

The Traumatic Brain Injury Fund (TBI Fund) was established in 2002 by the New Jersey State Legislature and is administered by the Division of Disability Services (DDS) of the New Jersey Department of Human Services. It is funded through a surcharge on motor vehicle registrations.

The purpose of the TBI Fund is two-fold. First, the Fund allows New Jersey residents who have survived an acquired brain injury to obtain the services and supports they need to live in the community, when insurance, personal resources and/or public programs are unavailable to meet their needs. The Fund pays for limited support and services that foster independence and maximize quality of life.

The second purpose of the TBI Fund is to provide public information and prevention education related to brain injury. The TBI Fund and the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey are working together in this endeavor.

Through both financial relief and public awareness, the TBI Fund provides a tremendous public service to the residents of our state.

TBI Fund Information

There are several ways for you to find out more about the TBI Fund:

- Write to "Ask Amy"—a column of the *BIANJ Newsletter* devoted to informing the public on the TBI Fund—at:
"Ask Amy"
TBI Fund
P.O. Box 700
Trenton, NJ 08625
- Visit www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/publications.html to download, or call BIANJ's Family Help Line, (800) 669-4323 to obtain a copy of the TBI Fund Brochure.
- Contact DDS at (888) 285-3036 to obtain an application to apply for assistance from the TBI Fund.

For additional information on the services offered by DDS visit its website, www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds or call (888) 285-3036 or (609) 292-7800.

Introducing Amy...

"Ask Amy" (premiering on page 15) is a new column of the Association Newsletter, tailored to answer our readers' questions regarding the TBI Fund. By introducing and connecting you to Amy Soppet, Manager of the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund we hope to foster a dialogue of questions and answers that will educate us all. Please do not be shy to 'ask Amy.' The answer to your question may just help you and several others.

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